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SUBJ: JDL INVASION OF OFFICES OF NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

1. NEW YORK NEWS AND NEW YORK TIMES REPORT THAT AT 4:30PM ON APRIL 28, MEMBERS JDL INVADED OFFICES OF NY BOARD OF RABBIS, RIPPING OUT PHONES, WRECKING TV SETS AND A TAPE RECORDER AND OVERTURNING DESKS, CHAIRS AND FILES.
2. TWENTY THREE MEMBERS OF JDL WERE ARRAIGNED IN CRIMINAL COURT ON CHARGES INCLUDING CONSPIRACY, CRIMINAL TRESPASS AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF. ALL WERE PAROLED FOR A HEARING ON MAY 7.
3. RABBI HAROLD SAPERSTEIN, PRESIDENT OF BOARD, OUTRAGED OVER INVASION, URGED THE NEARLY 1,000 RABBIS IN AREA TO BOYCOTT JDL AND TO ASK THEIR CONGREGATIONS TO "USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO DRY UP FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATION."
4. ACCORDING TO SAPERSTEIN, JDL HAD REPEATEDLY DEMANDED THAT BOARD PUT UP BAIL FOR AVRAHAM HERSHKOVITZ, SENTENCED LAST WEEK 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PASSPORT FRAUD.
5. SAPERSTEIN SAID: "WE WILL PROSECUTE WITH HEAVY HEARTS, BUT WE WILL PROSECUTE."
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